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Reed E. Hunbt, Chairman,
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 13, 1997

Dear Chairman Hunbt :

As a Senior American Citizen , of Eighty One Years Young, in Good Health, the thirty seven million Hearing Impaired and Six million of Non Hearing People, having to sit idle for many hours of the Day and Night, and to view very little of closed captioning on television. A Disgrace. In bringing up an incident, we to have two TV Guides and in December 14, 1996 we bought The TELEVISION GUIDE, they to publish Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Two programs and only One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Three programs were closed captioned . A Disgraced Of The Highest Order .

Haved read, The Federal Communication Commission to issue an imminent Ruling, hopefully a part of the Ruling, is to have the Television Industry, in there Advertising of there " PROMO's" on Television, to publish the Closed Caption Insigna's in all their Advertising and in the Media as well et cetera . It is

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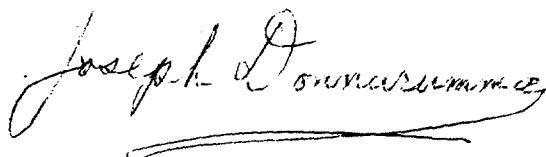
only an additional two letters, but to mean so much to our understanding whether the Promo Programming are closed captioned. There refusal to respond to our suggestions, after more than three years is beyond our comprehending .

Recieved a letter from Patrick Loughney, Ph.D., Head, Moving Image Section, he to inspire the Hearing Impaired to write too Representative Thomas Bliley, Chairman ,of " COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE " to seek The ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF CLOSED CAPTIONING ON TELEVISION , and a copy of his response . Knowing of this legislation to take several years to ENACT into LAW, we are asking of YOU to intercede, on our part , that the Promo's Advertising on Television to have the " Closed Captioning Insignia's ON " .

We Implore Of The Federal Communication Commission to adhere to our CONCERNS , THANK YOU .

Far from us to interfere , in the Wheels of Justice , as to whom is responsible to provide the information in the Provisions of The Telecommunications ACT of 1996 , please accept our apology, and to please forword our letter to Federal Communication Commission members for their informational use.

Sincerely yours ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph D. Dumas". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.



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December 2, 1996

Dear Mr. Donnarumma,

Thank you for your letter of November 4 about the need for close captioning of movies on television.

First let me say that I am aware that too few local and national television broadcasts are accessible to the hearing impaired and, for movies especially; only twenty percent are close captioned. During the past ten years I produced the Library's public film series and therefore had the opportunity to become familiar with the difficulties faced by the hearing impaired in their efforts to gain equal access to our repertory programs. I am happy to say, in this regard, that the Library has now implemented the basic provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Our contact with motion picture producers and broadcasters is limited to the scope of our mission to collect and preserve film and television programs and make available for scholarly and public research. This means that we have no influence over how these works are produced and broadcast by the networks and cable distributors.

I applaud your efforts to change present conditions. I recommend that you continue writing to your local and national elected representatives, especially those who sit on legislative committees dealing with communications access issues, and to your cable and TV broadcasters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Loughney".

Patrick Loughney, Ph.D.

Head, Moving Image Section

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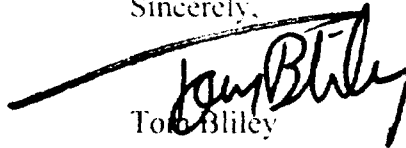
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Dear Mr. Donnarumma:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your thoughts on closed captioning. I am pleased to hear the views of citizens on matters which are of importance. It is because of concerned citizens such as yourself that Congress is able to be a responsive part of government.

As Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, I will be sure to keep your comments in mind. Once again, I thank you for your views. I remain,

Sincerely,



Tom Bliley
Chairman

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